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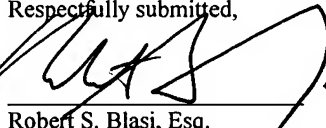
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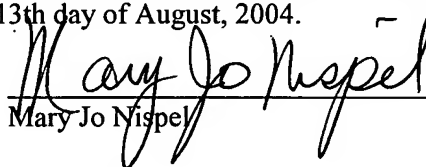
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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 24, 2004, the Applicants respectfully submit the following Response:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this paper;

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper; and

Conclusion begins on page 12 of this paper.

The Applicants believe that no additional fees are due with this Response, but the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

AMENDMENTS

Prior to further examination, please amend this application as follows: